

Amendments to the Claims:

The following listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (Currently Amended) A Force~~Free~~ application element (1), comprising:
_____ a tensioning anchor;
_____ a strip-shaped material, the tensioning anchor configured (20) to anchor at the strip-
shaped material (5), in particular, a composite material, to a supporting structure; and
_____ an extension element (10), wherein the strip-shaped material (5) is pretensioned by the
tensioning anchor (20), characterized in that and following the tensioning process, ~~an~~the
extension element (2, 4, 15) is located in ~~the~~a transition region between the tensioning anchor
(20) and the strip-shaped material (5), and ~~that~~ the extension element is effectively attached to
the strip-shaped material (5) and the tensioning anchor (20).

2. (Currently Amended) The force~~Free~~ application element (1) according to
Claim~~claim~~ 1, ~~characterized in that wherein~~ the extension element (2, 4, 15) is attached
mechanically and/or by an adhesive (6) to the ~~composite~~strip-shaped material (5).

3. (Currently Amended) The force~~Free~~ application element (1) according to
Claims~~claim~~ 1 or 2, ~~characterized in that wherein~~ the extension element is at least one of a
transverse cross-member (2) ~~and/or~~and a projection (15) of the tensioning anchor.

4. (Currently Amended) The force~~Free~~ application element (1) according to
Claims~~claim~~ 1 or 2, ~~characterized in that wherein~~ the extension element (4) is attached by at
least one of mechanically and/or ~~by and~~ an adhesive (6) to the tensioning anchor (20) ~~and/or~~
to a transverse cross-member (2) of the tensioning anchor (20).

5. (Currently Amended) The force~~Force~~ application element (1) according to ~~one of the foregoing claims~~claim 1, characterized in that wherein the extension element (2, 4, 15) has ~~in particular at least one of~~ a hyperbolic, tongue-shaped or wedge-shaped form and tapers down toward the ~~composite~~strip-shaped material (5) ~~in the~~ direction of the center of the strip-shaped material (5).

6. (Currently Amended) The force~~Force~~ application element (1) according to ~~one of the foregoing claims~~claim 1, characterized in that wherein the extension element (4) is composed of a ductile material, ~~in particular, aluminum, steel, or titanium.~~

7. (Currently Amended) The force~~Force~~ application element (1) according to ~~one of the foregoing claims~~claim 1, characterized in that wherein ~~the~~ side of the extension element (2, 4, 15) opposite the ~~composite~~strip-shaped material (5) has an enlarged and structured surface, ~~and is in particular of a wedge-shaped, zigzag-shaped, or wave-shaped design.~~

8. (Currently Amended) An extension~~Extension~~ element (2, 4, 6) for a tensioning anchor (20) which serves to anchor a strip-shaped material (5), ~~in particular, a composite material,~~ to a supporting structure, (10), wherein the ~~composite~~strip-shaped material (5) is pretensioned by a tensioning anchor, (20), ~~characterized in that~~ the extension element (4) is ~~designed such that it is~~ being movable into effective attachment with the strip-shaped material (5) and the tensioning anchor, (20), and that ~~it~~ the extension element prevents additional stress peaks in the event of stresses to the strip-shaped material (5) or above the pretension load.

9. (Currently Amended) ~~The extension~~Extension element (2, 4, 6) according to ~~Claim~~claim 8, ~~characterized in that wherein~~ the extension element is at least one of a transverse cross-member, ~~(2) and/or and~~ a projection (15) of the tensioning anchor.

10. (Currently Amended) ~~The extension~~Extension element (2, 4, 6) according to ~~Claims~~claim 8 or 9, ~~characterized in that wherein~~ the extension element (2, 4, 15) in particular ~~has a hyperbolic, tongue-shaped, or wedge-shaped form, and tapers down toward~~ the ~~composite~~strip-shaped material (5) in ~~the a~~ direction of the center of the strip-shaped material (5).

11. (Currently Amended) ~~The extension~~Extension element (2, 4, 6) according to ~~Claims 8, 9, or 10~~claim 8, ~~characterized in that wherein~~ the extension element (4) is composed of a ductile material, ~~in particular, aluminum, steel, or titanium.~~

12. (Currently Amended) ~~The extension~~Extension element (2, 4, 6) according to ~~Claims 8, 9, 10, or 11~~claim 8, ~~characterized in that wherein the a~~ side of the extension element (2, 4, 15) opposite the ~~composite~~strip-shaped material (5) has an enlarged and structured surface, and is ~~in particular~~ of a wedge-shaped, zigzag-shaped, or wave-shaped design.

13. (Currently Amended) A method~~Method~~ to increase ~~the a~~ tensile load of a strip-shaped material (5), ~~in particular, a composite material, the method comprising:~~
pretensioning wherein the strip-shaped material (5) is ~~pretensioned by using a~~
tensioning anchor (20), ~~characterized in that; and~~

_____ following the tensioning process, attaching an extension element (~~2, 4, 6~~) ~~is attached~~ to the strip-shaped material ~~composite material~~ (5) and the tensioning anchor (20) in ~~the~~ transition region between the tensioning anchor (20) and the strip-shaped material (5), said extension element serving to prevent additional stress peaks in the event of stresses to the material (5) above the pretension load.

14. (Currently Amended) ~~The method~~ Method according to Claim 13, ~~characterized in that wherein attaching~~ the extension element (4) ~~is attached to the composite strip-shaped material (5) is attached by at least one of mechanically and/or~~ and by an adhesive (6).

15. (Currently Amended) ~~Use of a~~ The force application element (4) according to ~~Claims 1 through 7~~ claim 1, wherein the force application is use to reinforce a supporting structure (10), ~~in particular, a concrete structure.~~

16. (New) The force application element according to claim 1, wherein the strip-shaped material is a composite material.

17. (New) The force application element according to claim 5, wherein the extension element is one of a hyperbolic, tongue-shaped, or wedge-shaped form.

18. (New) The force application element according to claim 6, wherein the extension element is one of aluminum, steel, or titanium.

19. (New) The force application element according to claim 7, wherein the extension element is one of a wedge-shaped, zigzag-shaped, or wave-shaped.

20. (New) The extension element according to claim 8, wherein the strip-shaped material is a composite material.

21. (New) The extension element according to claim 10, wherein the extension element has one of a hyperbolic, tongue-shaped, or wedge-shaped form.

22. (New) The extension element according to claim 11, wherein the extension element is one of aluminum, steel, or titanium.

23. (New) The extension element according to Claim 12, wherein the extension element is one of a wedge-shaped, zigzag-shaped, or wave-shaped.

24. (New) The method according to Claim 13, wherein the striped-shaped material is a composite material.

25. (New) The force application element according to Claim 15, wherein the force application is use to reinforce a concrete structure.